

Pershing, John J.

[Commander in Chief,

American Expeditionary Forces,

U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.], 1918-1920

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

March 4, 1918.

Mr. Edward D. Adams,
71 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Major Grayson M. P. Murphy has handed me your letter of January 24th, together with the beautiful Eagle medal designed by Eli Harvey, which you so kindly sent me. That you should have thought of me in this manner has touched me deeply, and I appreciate it more than I can say.

The medal is indeed an excellent portrayal of the spirit of the times, and the sculptor is to be congratulated upon the vividness with which he has given expression to the idea..

With assurances of my very best wishes, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) JOHN J. PERSHING.

September 30th, 1919.

General John J. Pershing,
U. S. Army,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

The American Numismatic Society, in keeping with its policy of permanently exhibiting various military insignia and decorations of the world, has, during the war, made a special collection of the medals, decorations and orders awarded to the American military forces by our own and foreign governments.

It is the intention of the Society to place the entire collection, properly catalogued and arranged, on public view at the Museum of the Society during the month of December, 1919.

May we extend to you an invitation to co-operate with us by granting the Society the privilege of exhibiting, at the same time the medals and orders awarded you by our own and foreign governments together with the attendant documents ?

The American Numismatic Society,

By

President.

October 1st, 1919.

Capt. G. B. Adamson,
Aide-de-Camp to General Pershing,
General Staff, U. S. Army,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Adamson:-

I am enclosing the formal invitation of The American Numismatic Society covering the loan of the General's decorations as discussed with you in Washington recently.

Our Curator, Mr. Howland Wood, will come to Washington on a pre-arranged day, about November 15th if possible, for the decorations and bring them to the museum. Our museum is practically fire and burgular proof and the exhibition made there will be under guard in locked display cases.

The first days of the exhibit will be private to the membership of our Society, local and state officials, army and navy officers and the newspaper and magazine staffs by invitation. The balance of the time the exhibit will be open to the general public.

It will include all the decorations won by American soldiers from all the allies comprising some fifty varieties. The few we now are short on the official list will be obtainable in time to make it absolutely complete. We are inviting Col. Wyllie of the General Staff to co-operate with us in making it accurate and thorough.

Yours very sincerely,

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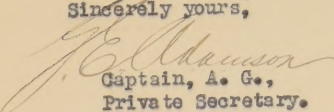
Washington, D. C.,
October 30, 1919.

Mr. Edward T. Newell,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

General Pershing has received your letter of September 30th and directs me to advise you that the question of sending his medals, etc., to New York for exhibition by the American Numismatic Society has been fully considered. He feels, however, that he cannot consistently comply with your request.

Sincerely yours,


Captain, A. G.,
Private Secretary.

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Washington, D.C.

June 11, 1920.

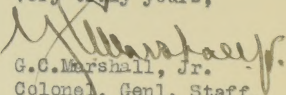
My dear Mr. Hood:-

General Pershing has received your letter of June 3rd relative to the further exhibition of his decorations by the American Numismatic Society of New York City. He is very sorry not to accomodate you in this matter, but does not feel he cares to have any further exhibitions made of the collection.

The General appreciates your courtesy in sending him the pamphlet descriptive of the several decorations.

Mr. Jennings Hood,
Mgr. The Bailey Banks
& Biddle Co.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Very truly yours,


G.C. Marshall, Jr.
Colonel, Genl. Staff,
Aide-de-Camp.